

South Jordan City



A Monthly Newsletter For South Jordan Residents
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SOUTH JORDAN
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Understanding Your Property Tax Bill

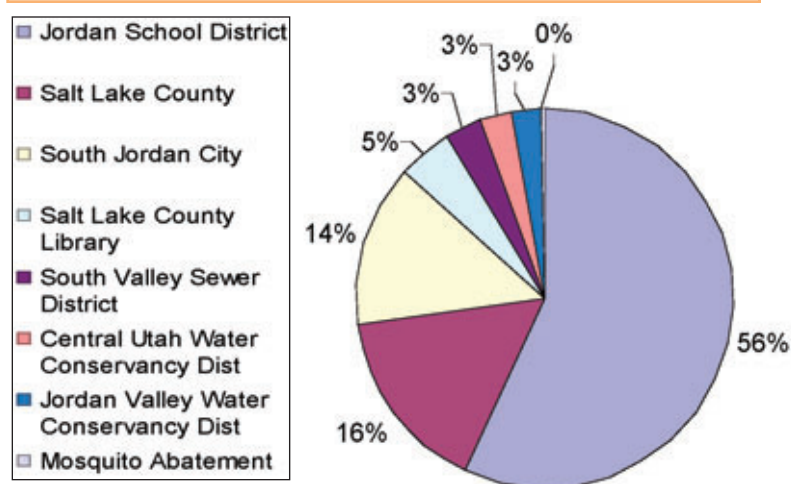
The following is the first in a series of monthly information pieces provided by the City of South Jordan to assist all residents in better understanding property taxes.

All homeowners in South Jordan will soon receive a statement which identifies the various certified tax rates proposed by each authorized taxing entity within Salt Lake County.

To better understand how your property taxes are allocated, the following charts show the distribution of property taxes on a South Jordan home valued at \$275,000. As you can see, the City of South Jordan's proposed tax rate for 2006 is .001874, compared to .002211 in 2005. This amount accounts for 14 percent of your total property tax bill. The city uses property tax dollars to supply a large portion of the funding required to provide police protection, fire protection, and to maintain parks throughout the city.

In next month's FOCUS, the city will provide more detailed information on how your property tax dollars allocated to the City of South Jordan are utilized.

Home Value	\$275,000	
Jordan School District	0.007581	\$1,146.63
Salt Lake County	0.002102	\$ 317.93
South Jordan City	0.001874	\$ 283.44
Salt Lake County Library	0.000614	\$ 92.87
South Valley Sewer District	0.000412	\$ 62.32
Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist	0.000352	\$ 53.24
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy Dist	0.000352	\$ 53.24
Mosquito Abatement	0.000027	\$ 4.08
Total		\$2,013.74



NO FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE THIS YEAR

South Jordan will not be hosting a fall baseball league this year because our parks department will be updating the sprinkling system at the ball diamonds.

Look for new pass packages for the South Jordan Leisure and Aquatic Center coming soon.

South Jordan Fleet Starts Using Biodiesel Fuel

In June South Jordan received its first shipment of Biodiesel fuel to the city's fuel tanks. The B20 fuel is a mix of 20 percent vegetable oil based fuel and 80 percent regular diesel fuel. The fuel will be used by all of the city's diesel powered fleet, which consists of 55 trucks and other diesel powered equipment. These trucks and equipment use approximately 32,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually.

Biodiesel is a domestically produced, renewable alternative fuel for diesel engines. It emits less carbon dioxide and other compounds linked to cancer. Another benefit of Biodiesel is it reduces our dependency on foreign oil and creates jobs in our own country. Also, Biodiesel is now 5 to 15 cents less expensive than regular diesel.

Biodiesel is available to anyone who drives a diesel powered vehicle. Anyone wishing to locate a station selling Biodiesel can log on to www.utahbiodiesel.com for more information.

South Jordan City has been and will continue to be committed to evaluating the use of alternative fuel vehicles for both cost efficiency and environmental benefits.



Recycle old phone books

The new Dex Salt Lake City White & Yellow Page directories will be delivered from Sept. 6 through Oct. 5 (tentatively). To recycle old phone books, South Jordan residents can place them in their recycling containers for curbside pickup. Recycling of old phone books will start Sept. 6, 2006 and end Aug. 31, 2007.

Another option is the Redi-Therm locations – the schools receive money for material collected at their sites.

MAYOR Kent Money

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

District 1: **Leona Winger**
District 2: **Brad Marlor**
District 3: **Brian C. Butters**
District 4: **Dave Colton**
District 5: **Larry Short**

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Rick Horst: City Manager
Gary Whatcott: Deputy City Manager
John Geilmann: City Attorney
Lindsay Shepherd: ACM Public Safety
Rob Wall: ACM Municipal Services
Laurie Tanner: COO

SOUTH JORDAN CITY HALL

1600 W. Towne Center Dr.
South Jordan, Utah 84095
254-3742
info@sjc.utah.gov

SOUTH JORDAN
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

A COMMUNITY
CHORAL CONCERT

All Participants Will Sing - No Auditions.
Anyone, 16 or Older, is Welcome to Come.
All sheet music will be provided.

★ Rehearsals begin September 6th & continue every Wednesday ★

Time: 6:45 to 8:45
Place: South Jordan Community Center
10778 S Redwood Rd



FOCUS

WATER QUALITY REPORT

According to the Annual Water Quality Report, distributed by the South Jordan Water Division, South Jordan City met and exceeded all state and federal requirements for water quality in 2005. The annual report was recently mailed to all residents and water users in the city.

Information regarding water conservation, current construction projects, routine maintenance activities, and backflow prevention can be found in the Water Quality Report. Extra copies are available at South Jordan City Hall (1600 West Towne Center Drive), the Municipal Services Building (10996 South Redwood Road), and online at <http://www.sjc.utah.gov/pdf/waterqualityreport2005.pdf>. For more information, please contact the Water Division at 253-5230.

POLICE SERVICE DOGS



The South Jordan Department of Public Safety has a full-time K-9 unit consisting of two teams. The unit specializes in tracking, criminal apprehension, locating evidence and narcotics recovery. The unit has been in existence since 1999 when the department's first narcotics dog was trained and deployed. Since that time, the unit has evolved to include a tracking dog and a patrol/narcotics dog.

The tracking K-9, Police Service Dog Wyatt, is a two-year-old bloodhound, who has been in service since 2004 and has been very successful thus far. Wyatt has already had 10 successful tracks and is one of only two bloodhounds currently in full-time service by police agencies in Salt Lake County. Wyatt's tracking ability continues to improve on a daily basis and he shows great promise for the future. Sergeant Allen Crist, a 10-year veteran of the South Jordan Department of Public Safety, is Wyatt's handler.

South Jordan's patrol K-9, Police Service Dog Neo, is a 6-year-old Belgian Malinois, who has been in service since 2003. Neo has been a very successful addition to the rank and file, with an impressive track

record. Neo is credited with locating over 100 pounds of marijuana over the course of his tenure, along with other quantities of Methamphetamine, Cocaine and related paraphernalia. Additionally, Neo has been credited with apprehending more than 10 criminal suspects and in 2004, Neo was credited with preventing an officer involved shooting in a near lethal confrontation between South Jordan officers and a homicide suspect. Officer Darin Watrous, a 2-year veteran of the South Jordan Department of Public Safety is Neo's handler.

These service animals spend more than three quarters of their lives protecting our community and giving our officers the benefit of their natural senses to further ensure we continue to enjoy the how we live, each and every day.

CULINARY WATER TANK UPDATE

As part of South Jordan City's effort to upgrade the culinary water system, staff has been working diligently to oversee the planning, design, and construction of numerous new water storage tanks within the city. Currently under construction is a 5 million gallon (MG) buried tank at approximately 6400 West and 10600 South. Another 5 MG buried tank located off of 11800 South and 6700 West is under design, and both tanks will feed Pressure Zones 4 and 5 (approximately 3600 West to 5200 West).

Two separate Pressure Zone 3 tanks are at approximately 10200 South 4400 West. One 2.1 MG tank has already been constructed, while another 2 MG tank is in the design stage, to tentatively be constructed by the end of 2007. These tanks supply storage to the area located between the Utah Lake Distributing Canal and 3600 West.

Located at 3200 West and 11300 South, is a 4 MG water tank that was completed last February, and supplies storage to Pressure Zone 1 (300 West to the South Jordan Canal).

All tanks being designed and constructed will be buried, and contain security barriers to maintain a safe drinking water system. The construction of these tanks is necessary to comply with state requirements regarding system storage, and are designed and constructed in phases to accommodate funding resources.

Feel free to call South Jordan City Municipal Services department at 254-3742 with any questions regarding the projects discussed, and be sure to check the city's website for updated construction project information.



1300 West Safe Walking Route

Concerned parents, City Council and city staff were instrumental in having sidewalk, curb, gutter and park strip installed on the west side of 1300 West, from 11070 South – 11170 South. The city is happy to announce the safe walking route to South Jordan Elementary School is now complete.

SOUTH JORDAN PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY

Police & Fire Calls.....	911
Animal Control	254-4708
BFI	972-4234
Billing	254-3742
Chamber of Commerce.....	253-5200
City Administration	254-3742
Community Center	254-9888
Construction Management	253-5230
Development Services	254-1404
Dispatch	840-4000
Fire Department.....	254-5272
Help Line	446-HELP (4357)
Municipal Court.....	254-6381
Parks	253-5230
Police Department	254-4708
Public Services	253-5230
Recreation	253-5236
Senior Citizens Center.....	302-1222
South Valley Sewer District	571-1166
TransJordan Landfill.....	569-8994
Victim Service	254-4708

AQUATIC CENTER

South Jordan Leisure Aquatic and Fitness Center offers year-round swimming lessons for all levels. The next session begins Aug. 14 (C Track) for classes offered weekday mornings. Please register early, as space is limited.

Upcoming events at the pool:

- Boy Scout Swimming, Lifesaving, and First Aid Merit Badges offered each month for only \$15.
- We will return to fall/winter/spring hours at the pool on Aug. 28, 2006 which are as follows:

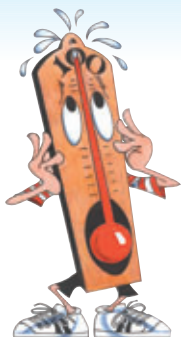
Sunday	10-3:30 p.m.	Slide opens at 11:30 a.m.
M-F	Lap Swim 5:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Open Plunge 3 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	Lap Swim 7 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Open Plunge 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

- Please join us for "Stay Cool at the Pool," where everyone can swim for \$2 a person on Tuesdays and Thursdays, now through Aug. 27, 2006 between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The South Jordan Leisure Aquatic and Fitness Center will soon be hiring for day lifeguards and swim instructors. This is great way to make some extra money while going to school, or while your kids are in school. Please contact Jessica Sims at 253-5236 for more details.

South Jordan City will be offering a Lifeguard Training Course at the South Jordan Leisure Aquatic and Fitness Center Sept. 12-28, 2006. The cost for the class is \$145 or \$50 for the contract option. Please contact the Fitness Center at 253-5236 for further details. Register soon, space is limited.

For further details please check out the web at www.sjc.utah.gov/recreation-aquaticcenter.asp



Many thanks to Angie Blair, last year's Miss South Jordan, for her hard work and participation at the Miss Utah Pageant. The weeklong competition was held July 2 to 8. We appreciate all her time and talents that she gave at the pageant and throughout her time of service.